

## A LOOK BACK, A STEP AHEAD

Dear Citizens of Lincoln  
and Lancaster County:

The past year has been a busy one for our community's public health. As you can see from the information on the following pages of this report, FY97-98 continued to be a banner period -- full of activity and accomplishment.

The high-quality services and programs provided to you result from the hard work and dedication of the Department staff. Throughout this fiscal period, we were assisted with the capable leadership of Richard Morin, MD, Gregg Wright, MD and Carole Douglas, RN, MPH and we applaud their service as interim directors.


County-wide health goals established in conjunction with our Healthy People 2000 plan were reviewed and the progress made has been compiled in a community report card. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Community Health Report Card will be released to the public at the Board of Health Annual Meeting on January 27, 1999. This evaluation will assist us as the Healthy People 2010 Steering Committee develops our community's health objectives for the year 2010.

Another noteworthy event was the establishment of a Community Health Endowment Fund made possible by the sale of Lincoln General Hospital. A community advisory panel is in place providing oversight to this unique resource.

Maintaining the health of the public is our primary mission and, as always, we encourage your input and participation. With your support, we look forward to keeping our community's health and quality of life at the highest levels.

### **Mission Statement:**

*The Health Department provides leadership in promoting environmental and personal health through health promotion, disease detection, disease prevention, education and regulation. In cooperation with community resources, the department as the official agency is responsible for assisting the community and the citizens to assume responsibility for their individual health and the health of the community.*

  
Leon Vinci, MPH, Health Director

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